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Following please find:

1. Reply Under 37 C.F. R. Sec. 1.116 – Expedited Procedure/Response to Office Action Dated September 2, 2003; and
2. Copy of U.S. Patent No. 4,701,016.

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In re Application of:)
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Serial No.: 10/005,325) Attorney Docket: C0012
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REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. sec. 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 2, 2003, the following faxed amendment(s) and/or remark(s) are submitted. Applicants respectfully request that this reply be entered into the record as a substantive reply to the outstanding Office Action.

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